Initiatives for attracting foreign investment

2713. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, set up in 1991, has made any break through in attracting foreign investment by international companies in the Country;

(b) if so, the initiative made by the Board so far alongwith the results;

(c) whether the Board has finalised any list of multinational for being invited; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI):

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. 100 proposals recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board have been approved by the Government till 31st October, 1992. These proposals envisage a foreign direct investment by multinational companies, including NRIs, of Rs. 2370.79 crores. This is more than 12 times the investment approved in the corresponding period prior to the announcement of the new policy.

Shutting down of Plants by Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.

2714. SHRI E. BALANADAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited; Kerala have shut down its ammonia plant, oil gas fication plant, caprolactum plant and oxygen plant;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what would be the impact of the same on employees; and

(d) what are the measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN):

(a) and (b) Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), Kerala have suspended only the operation of their Udyogamandal Oil Gasification Plant, having a capacity of 140 tonnes per day of ammonia, from 10.10.1992. The plant uses the route of partial oxidation of Naphtha, involving a separate tonnage oxygen plant. Its operation has become uneconomic because of high energy cost and availability of imported ammonia at cheaper price.

(c) and (d) The employees of the closed oil gasficiation unit are being re-deployed on other jobs in the Udyogmandal Division of FACT.

Crisis in PSU's situated in Kerala

2715. SHRI E. BALANADAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the most of the Central Public Sector Units are facing crisis in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON):

(a) and (b) As on March 1991, upto which period only the information is available only one enterprise i.e. Cochin Shipyard Ltd., amongst others, having its registered office in the State of Kerala has suffered losses in consecutive years and has since been categorised as a sick enterprise under the definition of SICA, referable to BIFR for formulation of revival/rehabilitation plants.

Reccession in automobile industry

2716. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the automobile industry was experiencing recessionery trends during 1991-92;

(b) what was the production and sale of heavy medium commercial vehicles, light commercial vehicles passenger cars, jeeps, Motor Cycles, Scooters and mopeds

during 1991-92 and 1992-93 (upto September, 1992);

(c) whether these automobile units resorted to retrenchement of labour during this period;

(d) if so, the number of workers effected and alternative arrangements of employment made for them; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to boost the automobile sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SHAI):

(a) In the year 1991-92 there has been a general fall in the production of automobile vehicles.

(b) The Production of figures for the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 (upto September) are as follows:—

		1991-92	1992-93 (upto Sept.)
1.	Medium & Heavy Commercial Veh.	85,143	31,937
2.	LCV	54,814	23.618
3.	Cars	1,65,303	71,766
4.	Jeeps	31,501	18,838
5.	Scooters	4,54,132	3,16,979
6.	Motorcycles	2,24,962	1,79,978
7.	Mopeds	8,77,310	1,92,661
8.	3-wheelers	43,813	31,125

(c) None of the automobile units has reported reternchement of labour.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Government have since taken the remedial action of relaxation of import compression measures, reduction in excise duty on passenger cars and lowering of floor level rate of interest.

मध्य प्रदेश में विकास केन्द्रों की स्थापना

2717. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के लिए छः विकास केन्द्र स्वीकृत किए हैं जिनमें प्रत्येक पर 30 करोड़ रुपये की लागत आएगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने विकास केन्द्रों के मामले में परियोजना प्रतिवेदनों को स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई है तथा शेष विकास केन्द्रों के मामले में परियोजना प्रतिवेदनों को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने की सम्भावना है

(ग) स्वीकृत परियोजना प्रतिवेदन वाले विकास केन्द्रों के मामले में सरकार और भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक द्वारा उन्हें देय राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है और उन्हें कितनी राशि पहले ही दी जा चुकी है तथा शेष राशि के कब तक दिए जाने की सम्भावना है,

(घ) क्या वित्तीय संस्थाओं को उनके अपने हिस्से की राशि जारी करने हेतु निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इस आशय के निर्देशों के कब तक जारी किए जाने की संभावना है तथा राशि कब तक स्वीकृत की जायेगी?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही): (क) विकास केन्द्र योजना योजना के अधीन आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की अवधि में विकसित किये जाने हेतु मध्य प्रदेश को 6 विकास केन्द्र आवंटित किये गये हैं।

(ख) बोराई, चैनपुर, भिरोंगी खेड़ा और सिलतारा नामक 5 विकास केन्द्रों की परियोजना रिपोर्टों का अनुमोदन कर दिया गया है और सतलापुर की परियोजना रिपोर्ट मूल्यांकन के लिये भेज दी गयी

(ग) से (ङ) जिन 5 विकास केन्द्रों की परियोजना रिपोर्टें अनुमोदित हो चुकी हैं उनके लिए 8 करोड़ रुपये की केन्द्रीय सहायता दे दी